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SUBJ: UNEMPLOYMENT UP IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

1. UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ROSE IN JUNE, TOTALLING ABOUT 5.3 MILLION PERSONS, NEARLY 80,000 MORE THAN A MONTH EARLIER AND 480,000 MORE THAN A YEAR EARLIER. IN ITS MONTHLY REPORT ON PERSONS REGISTERED AS JOBLESS, THE EC COMMISSION SUGGESTED THAT SCHOOL-LEAVERS ACCOUNTED FOR THE INCREASE OVER MAY 1977.

2. AS THE DATA IN THE REPORT SHOWED, HOWEVER, THE INCREASE WAS MORE THAN SEASONAL. A GRAPH IN THE REPORT INDICATED THAT THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURE OF UNEMPLOYED FOR JUNE 1977 WAS 5.6 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 100,000 OVER THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND ALMOST 300,000 OVER THE PREVIOUS JUNE.

3. ACCORDING TO THAT GRAPH, THE COMMUNITY'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED HOVERED AROUND 5.3
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MILLION BETWEEN DECEMBER 1975 AND MARCH 1977, BUT IN THE THREE SUBSEQUENT MONTHS INCREASED BY 100,000 EACH MONTH.

4. THE COMMISSION REPORT DID NOT PROVIDE DETAILS ON THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT TREND, NOR EVEN CALL ATTENTION TO IT, EXCEPT TO SAY: "AN INCREASE IN THE

LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT IS ALSO SHOWN IN THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE (SEE GRAPH)."

5. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE--NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED--WAS 5.1 PERCENT FOR JUNE 1977, COMPARED TO 5 PERCENT FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND 4.6 PERCENT FOR JUNE 1976. THE COMMISSION PROVIDES NO SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.

6. BREAKOUTS BY COUNTRY OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE:

	JUNE 1977	JUNE 1976
BELGIUM	7.0 PERCENT	6.1 PERCENT
DENMARK	5.2	4.0
FRANCE	4.5	3.8
GERMANY	3.6	3.6
HOLLAND	3.9	4.1
IRELAND	9.4	9.5
ITALY	6.6	5.9
LUXEMBOURG	0.4	0.2
UNITED KINGDOM	5.7	5.2
EC-9 AVERAGE	5.1	4.6

7. BREAKOUTS BY SEX OF THE GLOBAL FIGURES, AGAIN NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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SESNALLY ADJUSTED, ARE:

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED
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	JUNE 1977	JUNE 1976
MALE	3,137	2,983
FEMALE	2,187	1,863
TOTAL	5,324	4,846
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